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BOONE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR CRACK & POWDER COCAINE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Boone County, Mo., man has been sentenced in federal court for possession with intent to distribute crack and powder cocaine.

Anthony Rudolph Vasquez, 39, address unknown, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on July 14, 2005, to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 10, 2004, **Vasquez** pleaded guilty to charges contained in a Nov. 7, 2003, federal indictment. **Vasquez** admitted that he was in possession with the intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on Aug. 27, 2003, in Boone County. **Vasquez** also admitted that he was in possession with the intent to distribute powder cocaine on Aug. 27, 2003, in Boone County.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Douglas Shull. It was investigated by the Columbia, Mo., Police Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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